Title: Need to protect the interests of workers of Bharat Gold Mines Ltd., Kolar, Karnataka.

SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA (KOLAR): I invite the immediate attention of the Government towards the pitiable plight of about 4,000 workers of Bharat Gold Mines Ltd., Kolar whose livelihood stands threatened due to the closure of the unit since long. For more than four generations, these workers have toiled hard to keep up production, but because of depletion of gold area reserve, the closure has been contemplated.

They have not been paid salaries/wages for the last one year.

There are some 12,000 acres of spare land available with BGML.

I urge the Centre to provide for immediate settlement of salary/wages dues for the last one year, allotment of two acres of land each to eligible workers and introduction of the revised VRS scheme to enable the workers and their families to rehabilitate themselves.